## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit a rear and side yard property line setback of 0 feet each in lieu of the required minimum of 2.5 feet for both for an existing 10' x 12' accessory structure (shed) and a side yard property line setback of 0 feet in lieu of the required minimum of 2.5 feet for an existing 10' x 16' accessory structure (shed), in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner appeared and testified. Appearing as a Protestant in the matter was Thomas N. Poust.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 602 Goodman Avenue, consists of 2,070 sq.ft. zoned D.R. 10.5 and is improved with a single family attached dwelling and two accessory structures as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The subject matter of this case concerns the 10' x 12' shed on the rear and side yard property line. Testimony indicated that as a result of a complaint filed by the adjoining property owner, Thomas N. Poust, the Petitioner was advised to file the instant Petition to correct the matter. Petitioner testified that the subject shed has been on the property for at least 20 years. Testimony indicated that Petitioner purchased the other 10' x 16' shed, as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, which was delivered to the site on March 3, 1990. At that time the Petitioner decided to have the newer shed located closer to her home

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_2, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning out Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore

400.1 To allow zero inch setback from rear and side property

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I/We do solemnly declare and affirm,

602 Bordman de 282-2642 Address Phone No.

Back. Md. 21222

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con-

tract purchaser or representative to be contacted

day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 19 90, at 9:30 o'clock

under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property

which is the subject of this Pelition.

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TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

lines in lieu of 2.5 ft. in a D.R.-5.5 zone-foran accessory structure

SEE DITTACHED REPSONS.

See attached plat

(Type or Print Name)

Contract Purchaser:

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Attorney for Petitioner:

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and the old one moved further to the rear of the property. Mrs. Rash testified that in her opinion, the relief requested creates no detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community. Testimony indicated that practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship shed could prove to be costly.

difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion

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for the 10' x 16' shed, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to

would result if strict compliance were required as relocating the subject Thomas Poust lives on the adjoining property at 600 Goodman Avenue. Mr. Poust is opposed to the subject shed due to the fact that its location blocks his view when he is exits from his driveway to the rear alleyway. In support of his testimony, Mr. Poust submitted photographs depicting the location of the sheds and their relationship to his property. An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted

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ZONING DESCRIPTION

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602 Gooden Aug.

and located in the #[2] Election District.

the public health, safety, and general welfare. However, after due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, there is insufficient evidence to allow a finding that the Petitioner would experience practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship if the requested variance were denied for the 10' x 12' shed. The testimony presented by Petitioner was in support of a matter of preference rather than of the necessity for the variance. There was insufficient evidence to support the need for the variance in this instance. The Petitioner has failed to show that compliance would unreasonably prevent the use of the property or be unnecessarily burdensome. Therefore, the variance requested for this particular accessory structure must be denied.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested, as hereinafter modified, should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this Holday of December, 1990 that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a rear and side yard property line setback of 0 feet in lieu of the required minimum of 2.5 feet for both for an existing 10' x 12' shed, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the subject 10' x 12' shed shall be removed from the property no later than July 1, 1991.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a side yard property line setback of 0 feet in lieu of the required minimum of 2.5 feet for the remaining 10' x 16' shed, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief grant-

ing at this time is at her own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

1) The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceed-

2) Compliance with all Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments submitted, including, but not limited to, the Department of Permits and Licenses comments dated September 28, 1990, attached hereto and made a hereof.

for Baltimore County

CERTIFICATION PUBLICATION

Dundalk Eagle

4 N. Center Place P. O. Box 8936 Dundalk, Md. 21222

November 8, 19 90

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of Baltimore County Zoning Office - Case #91-147-A -P.O. #0108866 - Reg. #M47721 - Notice of Hearing 55 lines @ \$27.50. was inserted in The Dundalk Eagle a weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, once a week successive weeks before the  $19_{90}$ ; that is to say, the same was inserted in the issues of November 8, 1990.

Kimbel Publication, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF HEARING The Zoning Commissioner public hearing on the properly identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, lo cated at 111 W. Chesapeake Av enue in Towson, Maryland 2120 Petition for Zoning Varianc Case number: 91-147-A 120' S of cf of Manchester F 602 Goodman Avenue 12th Election District Petitioner(s): Dorothy B. Rash Hearing Date: Thursday, Nov. 29, 1990 at 9:30 a.m. Variance: to allow zero inch. setback from rear and side prop-erty lines in lieu of 2.5 ft. in a D.R. -5.5 zone for an accessory struc-J. ROBERT HAINES

**Baltimore County** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

(301) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Balti-more County, by authority of the Zon-ing Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on

the property identified herein in Room

Socated at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as

120' S of c/1 of Manchester Road

7th Councilmanic District Petitioner(s): Dorothy B. Rash

MOVEMBER 29, 1990 at 9:30 a.m.

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for an accessory structure.

J. ROBERT HAINES
ZONING COMMISSIONER OF
BALTIMORE COUNTY

Stollows:
Petition for Zoning Variance

CASE NUMBER: 91-147-A

602 Goodman Avenue

12th Election District

HEARING: THURSDAY,

<u>//- /5, 1990</u> THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of \_\_\_\_ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 1/-5, 19 90

THE JEFFERSONIAN,

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Date of Posting 11/13/9/1 Petitioner: Doyothy B. Rush Location of property: W/S Good mon Are, 170' S/ Monches for Rd Location of Signs: Foci-ing Good-may Are, opprox. 15' pr. you dway on property of Polition 11/16/90

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### County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 315 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 887-3180

October 23, 1991

Curtis C. Coon, Esquire 400 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204-4264

Re: Case No. 91-148-A (Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks)

Dear Mr. Coon:

at your expense.

In accordance with Rule B-7(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the County Board of Appeals is required to submit the record of proceedings of the appeal which you have taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the

above-entitled matter within thirty days. The cost of the transcript of the record must be paid by you. In addition, all costs incurred for certified copies of other documents necessary for the completion of the record must also be

The cost of the transcript, plus any other documents, must be paid in time to transmit the same to the Circuit Court not later than thirty days from the date of any petition you file in Court, in accordance with Rule B-7(a).

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice which has been filed in the Circuit Court.

Legal Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Milo Heckler Vermont Building and Development Corp.



#### County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 315 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 887-3180

October 23, 1991

Robert A. McFarland, Esquire Polovoy & McCoy 34 Market Place Suite 801 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Case No. 91-148-A (Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks)

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that an appeal has been taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from the decision of the County Board of Appeals rendered in the above matter.

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice.

LindaLee M. Kuszmaul Legal Secretary

Enclosure

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Brooks P. David Fields

Pat Keller Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco James E. Dyer W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, Director

Zoning Administration

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IN THE MATTER OF THE IN THE APPLICATION OF ROBERT H. AND SUSAN L. BROOKS CIRCUIT COURT FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE PIKESVILLE ROAD, 35' SOUTH OF CENTERLINE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MT. WILSON LANE (8832 PIKESVILLE ROAD) 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT Case No. 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* **PETITION** 

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Appellants, Milo Heckler and Vermont Building and Development Corporation, by their undersigned counsel hereby file their Petition setting forth the action appealed from, the error committed by the agency in taking such action, and the relief sought, and all is required under Rule B2 of the Maryland Rules of Civil Procedure, and say:

1. The action appealed from is the Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County passed in case no. 91-148-A on September 20, 1991. A copy of the Order is attached hereto.

2. The error committed by the agency is that:

(a) It improperly applied the law regarding variance from section 1B02.3.c.1, permitting a proposed addition to a dwelling to have a 12.5' rear setback rather a 30' setback as required. The

commission concluded that the hardship was brought upon the Petitioner by himself and none other. misrepresented his intentions to Baltimore County in applying for the building permit; the Petitioner, after obtaining the building permit, built his garage on a site contrary to that for which he had permission; Petitioner is in the building trade as a profession and is aware of the significance of zoning setback requirements and of building permit requirements; Petitioner further sought the variance only after the garage was completed and after complaint was made by the Appellant.

(b) The Board speculated as to the content of a suit between Brooks and Vermont Building and Development Corporation and in fact, speculated to conclusions which are opposite to the only facts on the record regarding the location of the residence Vermont Building and Development Corporation built on the adjoining lot.

3. The relief sought by the Petitioner is that the Order of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County be reversed and of the Order of Zoning Commissioner, requiring the removal of the garage, be affirmed.

WHEREFORE, the appellant moves that this Honorable Court grant it the relief requested herein, and such other and further relief as its cause may require.

> 400 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204-4264 (301) 337-4991

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this / day of Octow. 1991 a copy of the foregoing Petition was mailed first-class, postage prepaid to William T. Hackett, Chairman, County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, County Office Building, Room 315, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

ORDER FOR APPELL BY MILO HECKLER AND VERMONT BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT COPORATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE

AND SUSAN L. BROOKS

APPLICATION OF ROBERT H.

FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON

WEST SIDE PIKESVILLE ROAD,

35' SOUTH OF CENTERLINE OF

3rd COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE

MT. WILSON LANE (8832

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT

PIKESVILLE ROAD)

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

BEFORE

BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 91-148-A

\* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

Mr. Clerk:

Please enter an Appeal on behalf of Milo Heckler, and Vermont Building and Development Corporation, protestants, from the Order of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, Maryland, passed in the above case on September 20, 1991.

> Curtis C. Coon 400 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204-4264 (301) 337-4991

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this /6 day of Color, 1991 a copy of the foregoing Order of Appeal was mailed first-class mail, postage pre-paid to William T. Hackett, Chairman, County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, County Office Building, Room 315, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROBERT H. AND SUSAN L. BROOKS FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE PIKESVILLE ROAD, 35' SOUTH OF CENTERLINE OF MT. WILSON LANE (8832 PIKESVILLE ROAD)

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT

3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

\* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

BEFORE

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BALTIMORE COUNTY CASE NO. 91-148-A

ORDER

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

This case is an appeal from the decision of the Zoning Commissioner, dated December 12, 1990, wherein the Petitioner, Robert Brooks, was denied a 12.5 foot rear yard setback for a garage in lieu of the required 30 feet. The Zoning Commissioner did grant a variance from Section 400.1 to permit a proposed swimming pool to be located in the side yard in lieu of the rear

This matter of the setback variance for a garage on the .26 acre parcel at 8832 Fikesville Road in the Third Councilmanic District is puzzling to the Board by the fact that Petitioner constructed the subject garage at a location contrary to the location approved in his permit.

Mr. Milo Heckler, President of the Vermont Building Company, and the Protestant in this case, constructed the two-story colonial residence for the Petitioner and testified to the design of the house and the attached one-car garage therein. Upon the date of settlement and transfer of the deed from Heckler to Holmes, the Petitioner applied for a permit to build a detached garage in the rear yard. In disregard of the limits of his permit, Petitioner

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personally commenced to build the garage as an attachment to his dwelling. Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2 shows the structure adjacent to his existing garage, rather than in the rear of his property as approved on the building permit.

In his testimony, the Petitioner admitted that he erred in positioning his garage contrary to the authorized location of his permit, but determined that the total aesthetics of his property would be better. After acquiring the building permit, he decided that the rear yard location placed the garage only three feet from his neighbor's property, and left only a four foot space between the corner of his house and the proposed rear yard structure. For these reasons, Petitioner took it upon himself to change his plan of construction, a condition he stated was not questioned by subsequent visits by County Inspectors.

Mr. Milo Heckler, as the original contractor and property owner, voiced his opposition to the addition to the house. He objected because it would be too close to his property line and his proposed residence on the adjacent vacant lot, a setback requiring a variance of 12.5 feet in lieu of 30 feet.

In arriving at a fair and reasonable judgment in this case, there has been a troubling awareness of animosity between the principals involved. Counsel for the Petitioner entered into the Hearing the fact that Petitioner has filed suit in the Courts against the Protestant. The Board refused to hear the particulars of this lawsuit. However, we do note from testimony heard that the Protestant, Mr. Heckler, commenced construction of a house on his

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neighboring property after the Petitioner's garage addition was in place. His objection to the closeness of what would become his residence to that of Mr. Holmes appears to be self-imposed and, seemingly could have been avoided.

Regardless, we view with some concern the situation where an approved building permit was knowingly ignored by the Petitioner to satisfy his personal desires without forethought of the consequences of his action in building an unauthorized structure the size of the subject garage. To compound our bewilderment, the Petitioner is a professional in the construction industry, thoroughly acquainted with building permits and licenses. He undoubtedly understood the rules and regulations to be followed, but obviously disregarded their application to the projects he plans for his home and family.

To further complicate this decision, the Petitioner sought a variance setback after the fact, making it obvious that any hardship or difficulty he incurs has been self-imposed.

As stated in McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973), an area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property.

The Board in its deliberations does concur that the plans, of the total property and its relationship to neighboring properties shows merit with the garage attachment, rather than in the rear yard. The 23 by 25 foot garage and breezeway attached to the house-proper allows for more open space in the rear yard and a

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greater distance between buildings.

The Board acknowledges that the Petitioner made a horrendous error in the process of his building procedure, but from the evidence evaluated the variance requested should be granted as there is no adverse effect on the health, safety and/or general welfare of the public. To remove the attached garage to the rear of the property would be a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship for the Petitioner, even though it was self-created. The Board also makes note that the attached garage, while under construction, met with the approval of County Inspectors on several visits to the site.

IT IS THEREFORE this 20th day of September by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County ORDERED that the Petition for a Zoning Variance from Section 1B02.3.C.1 to permit a proposed addition to a dwelling to have a 12.5 foot rear setback in lieu of the required 30 feet is hereby GRANTED.

Any appeal from this decision must be made in accordance with Rules B-1 through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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BEFORE THE PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE ZONING COMMISSIONER W/S Pikesville Road, 35 ft. S \* C/l of Mt. Wilson Lane BALTIMORE COUNTY 8832 Pikesville Road 3rd Election District Case No.: 91-148-A 3rd Councilmanic District ROBERT H. BROOKS SUSAN L. BROOKS Petitioners

DEAR ZONING COMMISSIONER:

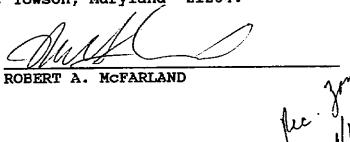
Please enter an appeal to the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County in the above referenced case on behalf of the Petitioner.

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ROBERT A. MCFARLAND Polovoy & McCoy 34 Market Place, Suite 801 Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (301) 685-2100 Attorney for Petitioners

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of January, 1991, a copy of the foregoing Appeal was mailed, postage prepaid, to People's Counsel, Court House, Towson, Maryland 21204.



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PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE W/S Pikesville Road, 35 ft. S \* ZONING COMMISSIONER c/l of Mt. Wilson Lane 8832 Pikesville Road \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 3rd Election District 3rd Councilmanic District \* Case No. 91-148-A Robert H. Brooks, et ux Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The Petitioners herein request a zoning variance from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 to permit a proposed addition to a dwe!ling to have a 12.5 ft. rear setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. and from Section 400.1 to permit a detached accessory structure (proposed pool) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the rear yard outside of the 1/3 of the lot farthest removed from the side street, as more particularly described on on Peti-

The Petitioner, Robert H. Brooks, appeared and testified. Mr. Milo Heckler, President, Vermont Building Development Company appeared as a Protestant and was represented by Curtis C. Coon, Esquire.

Pikesville Road consists of .26 acres +/-, zoned D.R.3.5 and is currently improved with a single family dwelling and two one-car garage, as indicated on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1.

The Petitioner testified that he received a permit for the subject garage but candidly admitted that he did not construct the garage in the > location indicated on the plat plan marked Protestant's Exhibit No. 1.

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The application for permit and the building permit, itself, clearly indicated that the subject structure was to be a detached garage in the rear yard. The Petitioner clearly misrepresented his intent on the application and disregarded the limits of the building permit issued to him on Septem-

ber 29, 1989.

The Petitioner has also requested permission to place a 32 x 16 ft. swimming pool in his side yard in lieu of the rear yard, as indicated on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. The Petitioner testified that in view of his work schedule, he is unable to take vacations and that the pool serves as Summer recreational activity for both he and his family. He indicated that, if the requested variance regarding the pool is denied, he would suffer an undue hardship in that there is insufficient room in his rear yard to locate the 32 x 16 rectangular pool.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

> 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

> 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

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It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted in part, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it

is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the variance relative to the subject pool was not granted. However, the Petitioner has created his own hardship and practical difficulty regarding the subject garage. The Petitioner clearly understood the scope of the permit issued to him on September 29, 1989 but, as noted above, he disregarded both the letter and spirit of same. Therefore, it has not been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. Therefore, the variance relief requested relative to the subject garage shall be denied.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted in part and denied in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 12 day of December, 1990 that the Petition for a Zoning Variance from Section 1B02.3.C.1 to permit a proposed addition to a dwelling to have a 12.5 ft. rear setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all improvements on the subject site not in compliance with this Order shall be removed on or before January 1,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a zoning variance from Section 400.1 to

side yard in lieu of the rear yard outside of the 1/3 of the lot farthest removed from the side street, in accordance with Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. Upon request and reasonable notice, the Petitioners shall permit a representative of the Zoning Enforcement Division to make an inspection of the subject property to insure compliance with this Order.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Peoples Counsel

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

December 12, 1990

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Brooks 8832 Pikesville Road Pikesville, Maryland 21208

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 91-148-A

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brooks:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in part and denied in part, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

cc: Peoples Counsel cc: Curtis C. Coon, Esquire cc: Mr. Milo Heckler

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	The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a  Variance from Section 1802.3.C.1 To permit a proposed addition to a dwelling to have a  12.5 ft. rear setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. and from Section 400.1 to permit a  detached accessory structure (proposed pool) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the rear yard outside of the 1/3 of the lot farthest removed from the side street.  of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) (1) Strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the needed garage and side yard use. (2) The garage was built to store antique car. Installed breezeway between 2-single car garages for appearance and for entrance to side yard. Exterior wall & roof lines of new addition match the previously built garage for appearance. Garage could not have been installed as a detached garage due to the turn around space needed to back in and out. (3) Relief can be granted in such a way that public safety and welfare remain in tact.	20NING DESCRIPTION FOIL  8832 PIKESVILLE ROAD BALT CO MILL  LOT # 1 OF PIKESVILLE FARM, CONTAINIS 11,459 SQ. FEET  FOLIO #515  PLAT BOOK # 7  PEGINNIC ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF PIKESVILLE  ROAD, 25' WIDE, AT A DISTANCE OF 35' FROM THE  CENTER LINC OF MT WILSON LANCE	CERTIFICATE OF POSTING  9/-/48-9  TOWSON, MD.,	
	Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.  I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing efothis Capetition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of 2.2.7/  Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.  I/We do solemnly declare and and man, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.  Contract Purchaser:  Robert H. Brooks  (Type or Print Name)  That the Bands  Signature  Signature	1 SOUTH 39 53 33" EAST 54,76 FEET  2 SOUTH 52° 26'06" WEST 142,16 FEET  3 NONTH 37° 33' 54" WEST 39,46 FEET  4 NONTH 19° 57'33" WEST 66,24 FEET  5 NONTH 20° 02'27" EAST 115,36 FEET  6 SOUTH 74° 55'-42" EAST 16,38 FEET TO THE  PLACE OF BEGINING.	Posted for:    Petitioner: Robert H. Brooks, et up   Location of property. W/S Pikewrille Road, 35'S c/k of Mt. Wilson Agas   Respective Road	
	Address  City and State  Attorney for Petitioner:  8832 Pikesville Rd. 484-0527  (Type or Print Name)  Address Phone No.  Pikesville, Md. 21208  Signature  City and State  Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted  Same  City and State  Name	91-148-A		
ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING	Attorney's Telephone No.:  ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this  ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this  19 90, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the  1	CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION	Wisherswitch Tide 1851 S. Of CALVIEW Wilson us.    State   Sta	
		Towson, MD.,  To	CERTIFICATE OF POSTENG 91- 148- B  County Office Building 111 West Chesopeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204  Account: R-001-6150 Number  No 3342  Account: R-001-6150 Number  No 3342  Public HEARING FEES  O10 -ZONING VARIANCE (IRL) 1 X \$35.00	
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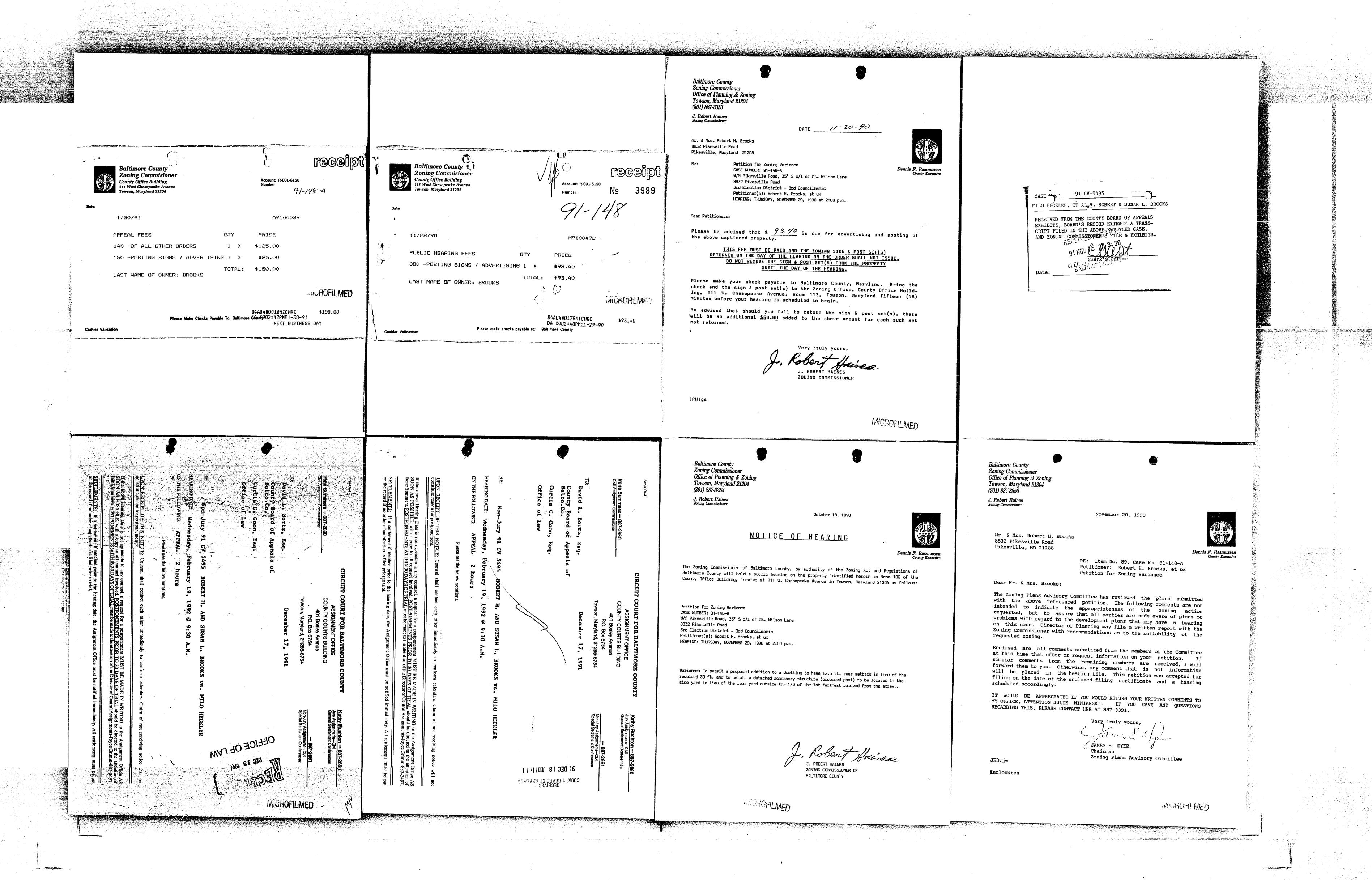
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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 26th day of September, 1990.

ZONING COMMISSIONER

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE SEPTEMBER 27, 1990

ZONING ITEM #: 89

ELECTION DISTRICT: 3rd

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT:3rd

( ) PROPOSED SITE PLAN DOES, DOES NOT, COMPLY TO STATE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATION 05.01.07, MARYLAND BUILDING CODE FOR THE

( ) PLAN DOES, DOES NOT COMPLY TO SET BACKS FOR EXTERIOR FIRE

SEPARATION DISTANCE OF ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 9 OF THE CURRENT

A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN.

SECTION 111.1 OF ARTICLE 1. CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS MAY BE

( ) A CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE EXISTING

( ) STRUCTURE IS SUBJECT TO FLOOD PLAIN LIMITATIONS, SECTION 516.0

(X) OTHER - Separate permits for pool and additions may be required

PERMITS MAY BE APPLIED FOR @ ROOM 100, 111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE,

THIS REVIEW COVERS ONLY MAJOR ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE PLAN, A

APPLICABLE CODE: 1987 NATIONAL BUILDING CODES AS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL BILL #158-88.

COUNCIL BILL #158-88 ( BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE).

USE OF THE STRUCTURE TO THE PROPOSED USE. SEE ARTICLE THREE AND

ARTICLE ONE, SECTION 103.2 ALTERATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY BY CODE

A REVIEW OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE ABOVE ZONING ITEM INDICATES THE

J. ROBERT HAINES, ZONING COMMISSONER, DEPARTMENT ZONING

CHARLES E. BURNHAM, PLANS REVIEW CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF

PROPERTY OWNER: Robert H. Brooks, et ux

Mount Wilson Lane (#8832 Pikesville Road)

LOCATION: W/S Pikesville Road, 35' S centerline of

( ) RAMPS (degree slope)

( ) CURB CUTS

( ) SIGNAGE

Petitioner: Robert H. Brooks, et ux Petitioner's Attorney:

PERMITS & LICENSES

SUBJECT:

FOLLOWING:

HANDICAPPED.

( ) PARKING LOCATION

( ) BUILDING ACCESS

REQUIRED.

SUBMITTED.

NUMBER PARKING SPACES

BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE.

TO COMPLY TO NEW USE REQUIREMENTS.

TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 - PHONE - 887-3900.

WICHORI MEN

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: October 16, 1990

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Petitioner requests a Variance to permit an addition with a 12.5 ft. setback in lieu of 30 ft., and to permit a pool to be located in the side yard in lieu of the rear yard outside of the 1/3

Staff recommends that the request be granted subject to the

Since the property is residential, this office does not feel that a landscape plan is necessary.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the

- The Petitioner should meet with staff to develop a landscape

concept to mitigate the impact of the requested variances.

J. Robert Haines

Zoning Commissioner

SUBJECT: Robert H. Brooks, Item No. 89

Office of Planning at 887-3211.

following:

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ITEM89/ZAC1

Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

of the lot farthest removed from the side street.

TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: October 3, 1990 FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for September 25, 1990

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments for Items 89, 90, 91, 92 and 95.

Items 64 and 88 are subject to the previous County Review Group comments.

For Item 93, a County Review Group Meeting may be required for these improvements. For Item 96, the right-of-way for Eugene Avenue is

incorrectly shown on the plan. The paving is 24 feet and the right-of-way width is 44 feet, with a fillet and drainage and utility easement across the southernmost corner of the lot at the intersection.

ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E. Clief Developers Engineering Division

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October 1, 1990

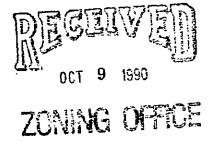
Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Haines:

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, and 96.

> Very truly yours, Michael S. Flanigan Traffic Engineer Associate II

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Dennis F. Rasmussen
County Executive

Baltimore County Fire Department 700 East Joppa Road, Suite 901 Towson, Maryland 21204-5500 (301) 887-4500 Paul H. Reincke

OCTOBER 3, 1990

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

ROBERT H. BROOKS RE: Property Owner:

> #8832 PIKESVILLE ROAD Location:

Item No.: Zoning Agenda: SEPTEMBER 25, 1990

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

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91-148-A

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 11, 1990 TO: James E. Dyer Zoning Supervisor

FROM: James H. Thompson

Zoning Enforcement Coordinator RE: Item No. 89 (if known)

Petitioner: Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks (if known)

VIOLATION CASE # C-91-93 LOCATION OF VIOLATION 8832 Pikesville Road DEFENDANT Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks

ADDRESS 8832 Pikesville Road Baltimore, MD 21208

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following persons:

Milo Hekler, President

Vermont Bldg. & Development Co. 3805 Cherrybrook Road Randallstown, MD 21133

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Zoning Enforcement Coordinator, so that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

January 30, 1991

Baltimore County Board of Appeals County Office Building, Room 315

Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Petition for Zoning Variance

W/S Pikesville Road, 35 ft. S C/1 of Mt. Wilson Lane (8832 Pikesville Road) 3rd Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District ROBERT H. BROOKS & SUSAN L. BROOKS - Petitioner Case No. 91-148-A

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on January 10, 1991 by Robert A. McFarland, Attorney on behalf of the Petitioner. All materials relative to the case are being forwarded herewith.

Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Zoning Commissioner

Enclosures

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cc: Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Brooks 8832 Pikesville Road, Pikesville, MD 21208 Robert A. McFarland - Polovoy & McCoy 34 Market Place, Suite 801, Baltimore, MD 21202

Mr. Milo Heckler, 3805 Cherrybrook Road, Randallstown, MD 21133 Curtis C. Coon, 20 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

People's Counsel, Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204 VICROFILMED

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NW9G. brooks C-91-93 91-148-4 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Petition for Zoning Variance W/S Pikesville Road, 35 ft. S c/1 of Mt. Wilson Lane ).R. 3.5 (8832 Pikesville Road,)

3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District
ROBERT H. BROOKS AND SUSAN L. BROOKS - Petitioner
Case No. 91-148-A CARTIS C. COON ATTERNEY 20 South Charles ST for Vermont BHG+Darco, Inc BatTimore MD 21201 Milo Heckler, President Vermont Bldy - Der Cyth 3805 CHERRY BROOK RD. Petition for Zoning Variance 0-1 Physoles town MD 21133 Description of Property N 34,000 Certificate of Posting Certificate of Publication (No copy in file) Entry of Appearance of People's Counsel (None submitted) Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments Director of Planning & Zoning Comments Petitioner's Exhibits: 1. Plat to accompany Petition Protestant's Exhibits: 1. Plot Plan 2. Copy of Subdivision Plan Zoning Commissioner's Order dated December 12, 1990 (Denied in part; Granted in part) Notice of Appeal received January 10, 1991 from Robert A. McFarland, Attorney on behalf of the Petitioner. cc: Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Brooks 8832 Pikesville Road, Pikesville, MD 21208 Robert A. McFarland - Polovoy & McCoy 34 Market Place, Suite 801, Baltimore, MD 21202 Mr. Milo Heckler, 3805 Cherrybrook Road, Randalistown, MD 21133 Curtis C. Coon, 20 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 People's Counsel of Baltimore County Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204 Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning & Zoning
Patrick Keller, Office of Planning & Zoning
J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner Ann M. Nastarowicz, Deputy Zoning Commissioner
James E. Dyer, Zoning Supervisor
W. Carl Richards, Jr., Zoning Coordinator MICHOFILMED MINE MED Docket Clerk
Arnold Jablon, County Attorney
Public Services FUTURE R/W AS PROPOSED BY BALTO. CO. N 74°55'42"W PLOT PLAN Application No. OWNER Robert Brooks ADDRESS 8832 Pilosville Rd-GHWAY DENING AREA 467 SQ.FT. ± I. STREAM BUFFER - NO CLEARING, GRADING OR DISTURBANCE IN THIS AREA EXCEPT AS PER THE BALTO. CO. WATER POLICY. MICPOFILMED PLEASE SHOW BELOW: - property line dimensions and easements.
- existing buildings.
- existing well/septic. (show distance to nearest structure)
- road names and location of alleys.
- if your property is in a tidal or riverine flood area, indicate elevation of lowest floor of proposed work.
- the proposed work and the setback distances to the proposed 2. SITE DATA EXISTING ZONING GROSS AREA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I.6Q9 AC. ±
NO. OF LOTS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3
GROSS RES. DENSITY \_\_\_\_\_\_ I.86 LOTS/AC. Front yard setback 1 C Left side setback 3'
Rear yard setback 3 1 Right side setback 100 101 SUBDIVISION OF EXHIBIT 2 PART OF LOTS 23 AND 24 "PIKESVILLE FARMS" NOTE:1. If a fence is to be closer than 2 fect to any existing fence or wall, adequate access must be provided for maintenance WPC 7-7 ¿. Cannot fence access easements. 3RD ELECT. DIST. S 37°33'54"E BLDG. ENVELOPE SCALE: I" = 50' DEED REF. : EHK JR. 7306-631. TAX ACCT. NO.: 03-05-061252. LOT 3 42,108 SQ. FT. ±\_ APPROVED FOR BALTO. CO. DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT N38°24'12"W -99.87' --IO'UTILITY EASEMENT EXISTING |S38626'33"E 120.00 DWELLING BAR UNDER / OVERHANGING STONE WALL -LOT 24----MICROFILM CARICO 5276-648 PROTESTANT'S EXHIBIT

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38 BELFAST ROAD

AUGUST 3,1988

Zoning Commisioner County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 M9100471 11/28/90 FRICE PUBLIC HEARING FEES 080 -POSTING SIGNS / ADVERTISING 1 X TOTAL: \$84.53 LAST NAME OF OWNER: RASH \$84.53 04A04#0043MICHRC BA COD9:15AM11-29-9D Please make checks payable to: Baltimore County

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner



Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 3rd day of October, 1990.

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Donald M. Rash, et ux Petitioner's Attorney:

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

Dorothy B. Rash



602 Goodman Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21222 Dennis F. Rasmussen County Executive Petition for Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: 91-147-A 120' S of c/l of Manchester Road 602 Goodman Avenue

12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Oorothy B. Rash HEARING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1990 at 9:30 a.m.

Please be advised that  $$\frac{94.53}{}$ is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE.

DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland Fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Be advised that should you fail to return the sign & post set(s), there will be an additional \$50.00 added to the above amount for each such set not returned.

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines

October 18, 1990

NOTICE OF HEARING



Dennis F. Rasmussen

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Petition for Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: 91-147-A 120' S of c/l of Manchester Road 602 Goodman Avenue 12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Dorothy B. Rash HEARING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1990 at 9:30 a.m.

Variance: To allow zero inch setback from rear and side property lines in lieu of 2.5 ft. in a D.R.-5.5 zone for an accessory structure.

> ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

cc: Dorothy B. Rash

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

November 20, 1990

Dennis F. Rasmussen County Executive

RE: Item No. 73, Case No. 91-147-A Petitioner: Donald M. Rash, et ux Petition for Zoning Variance

Dear Mrs. Rash:

Mrs. Dorthy Rash

602 Goodman Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21222

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, JAMES E. DYER

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

JED:jw

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. Robert Haines

DATE: October 2, 1990

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Zoning Commissioner

SUBJECT: Dorothy B. Rash, Item No. 73

The Petitioner requests a Variance to allow an accessory structure to be located zero ft. from rear and side property lines in lieu of 2.5 ft.

In reference to the Petitioner's request, staff offers no comments.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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October 3, 1990



Dennis F. Rasmussen

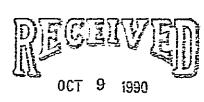
Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Haines:

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 33, 94, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, & 112.

> Very truly yours, Michael S. Flanigan Traffic Engineer Associate II

MSF/jw



Baltimore County Fire Department 700 East Joppa Road, Suite 901 Towson, Maryland 21204-5500 (301) 887-4500 Paul H. Reincke Chief

OCTOBER 9, 1990

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204



Dennis F. Rasmussen County Executive

RE: Property Owner: DOROTHY B. RASH Location: #602 GOODMAN AVENUE Item No.:

Zoning Agenda: OCTOBER 2, 1990

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property. 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

REVIEWER: Let Lou Kelly 10-9-90 Approved Cantom J. Food Planning Group Fire Prevention Bureau D. Special Inspection Division

JK/KEK

PALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: Uctober 3, 1990 FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E. Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for October 2, 1990 The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject soning items and we have no comments for Items 33 (revised), 73, 94, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 110, 111 and 112. Item 107 is subject to the previous County Review Group comments. For Item 109, a County Review Group Meeting is ror room 103, a county have along heading 16 required. Church Lane is to be improved as a 40-foot paving section on a 60-foot right-of-way. ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Division

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE September 28, 1990 J. ROBERT HAINES, ZONING COMMISSONER, DEPARTMENT ZONING CHARLES E. BURNHAM, PLANS REVIEW CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS & LICENSES C 33 ZONING ITEM #:73 PROPERTY OWNER: Dorothy B. Rash SUBJECT: LOCATION: 120' S of Centerline of Manchester Road (=602 Goodman Avenue) ELECTION DISTRICT: 1st COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: A REVIEW OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE ABOVE ZONING ITEM INDICATES THE FOLLOWING: ( ) PROPOSED SITE PLAN DOES, DOES NOT, COMPLY TO STATE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATION 05.01.07, MARYLAND BUILDING CODE FOR THE HANDICAPPED. ( ) RAMPS (degree slope) ( ) PARKING LOCATION ( ) CURB CUTS NUMBER PARKING SPACES ( ) SIGNAGE ( ) BUILDING ACCESS PLAN BORS, DOES NOT COMPLY TO SET BACKS FOR EXTERIOR FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE OF ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 9 OF THE CURRENT BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE. ( ) A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN. SECTION 111.1 OF ARTICLE 1. CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS MAY BE REQUIRED. ( ) A CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE EXISTING USE OF THE STRUCTURE TO THE PROPOSED USE. SEE ARTICLE THREE AND ARTICLE ONE, SECTION 103.2 ALTERATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY BY CODE TO COMPLY TO NEW USE REQUIREMENTS.

> (x) OTHER -Plat is unclear as to whether this is one lot or three lots, one dwelling or three dwellings, if it is one lot and one dwelling interior lot lines shall be removed otherwise the building code requires a FIREWALL at(see below) \*\*
> PERMITS MAY BE APPLIED FOR @ ROOM 100, 111 WEST CHESAPFAKE AVENUE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 - PHONE - 887-3900. THIS REVIEW COVERS ONLY MAJOR ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE PLAN, A FULL REVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED WHEN THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND PLANS ARE SUBMITTED.

( ) STRUCTURE IS SUBJECT TO FLOOD PLAIN LIMITATIONS, SECTION 516.0

COUNCIL BILL #158-88 ( BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE).

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Mean: Mr. Zoning Commissioner Logardy Zoning Commission

(ase #C 90-3000

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I have in the neighbor has anything to do with them.

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MEDICAL HEALTH GROUP, P.A.

91-147-A

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Re: Dorothy Rash

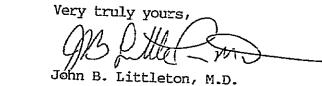
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Her pulmonary function studies show severe obstructive ventilatory defect with no significant response to the administration of aerosolized bronchodilators.

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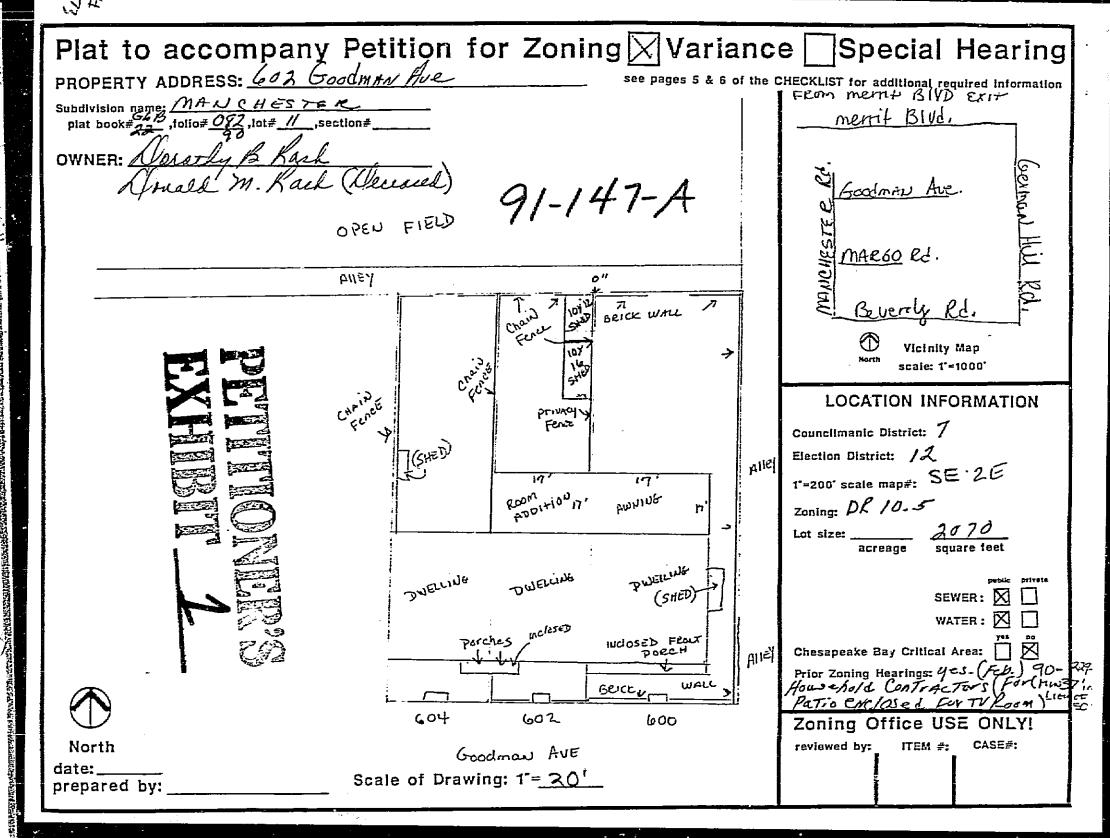
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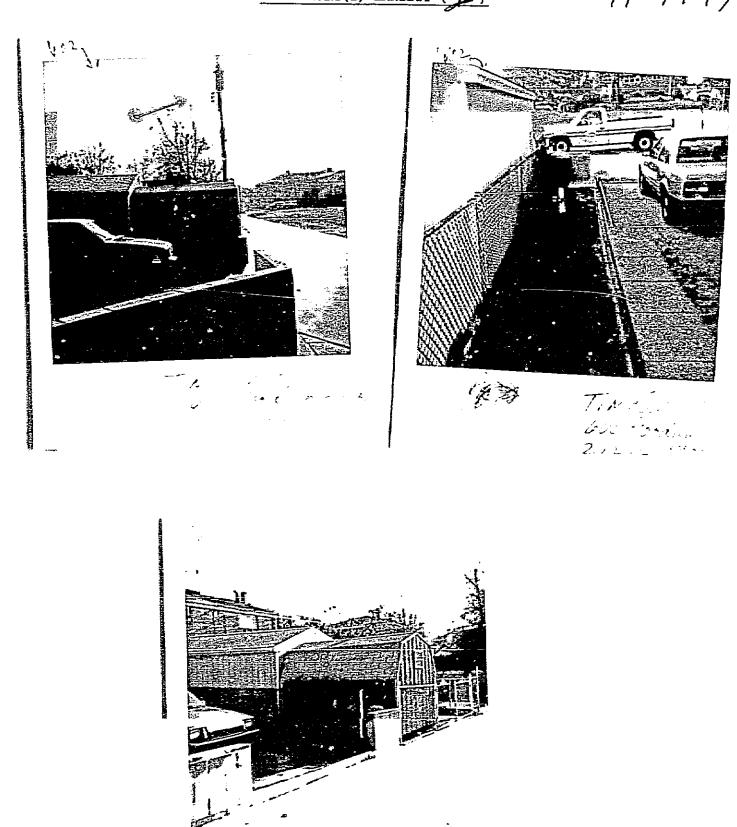
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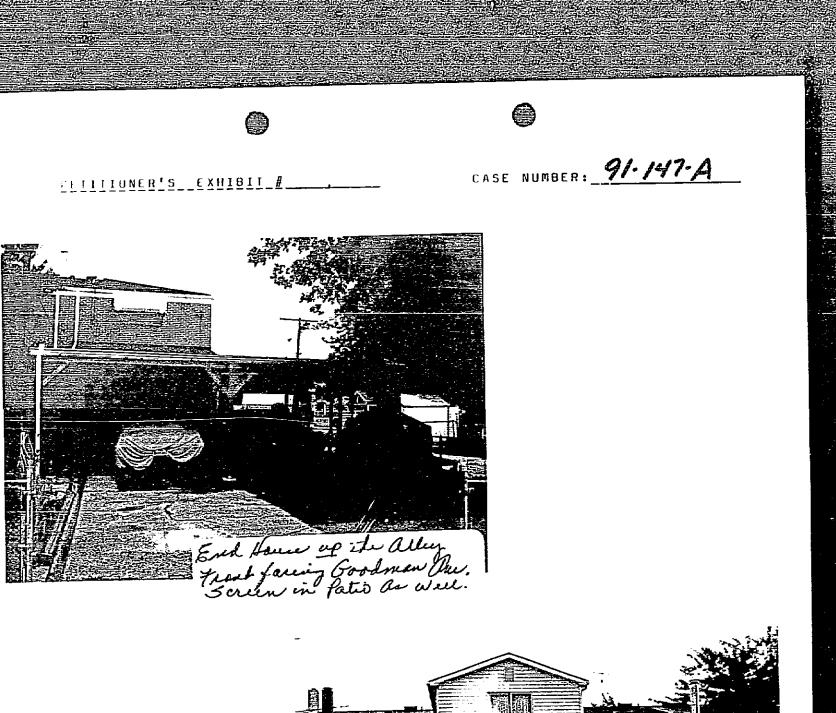
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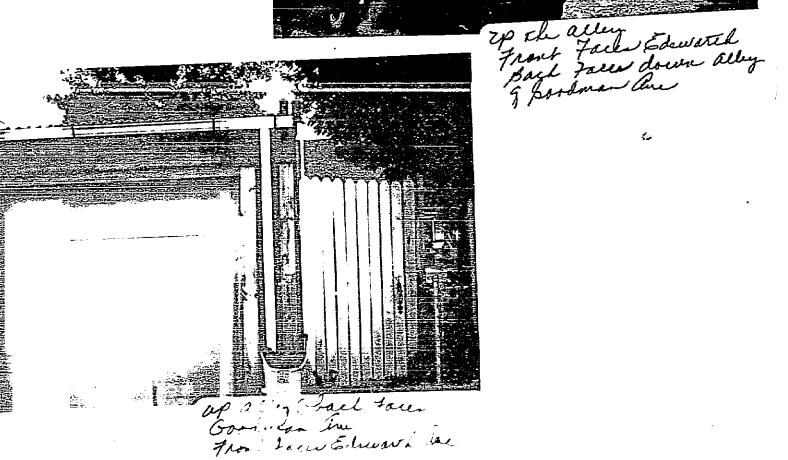




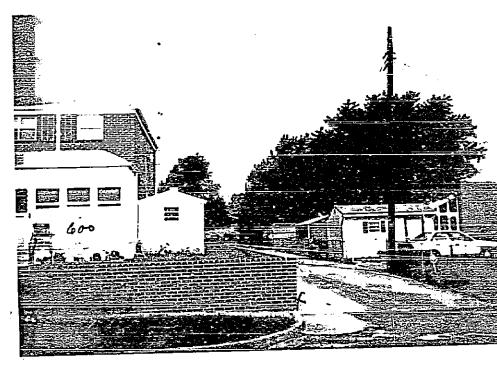




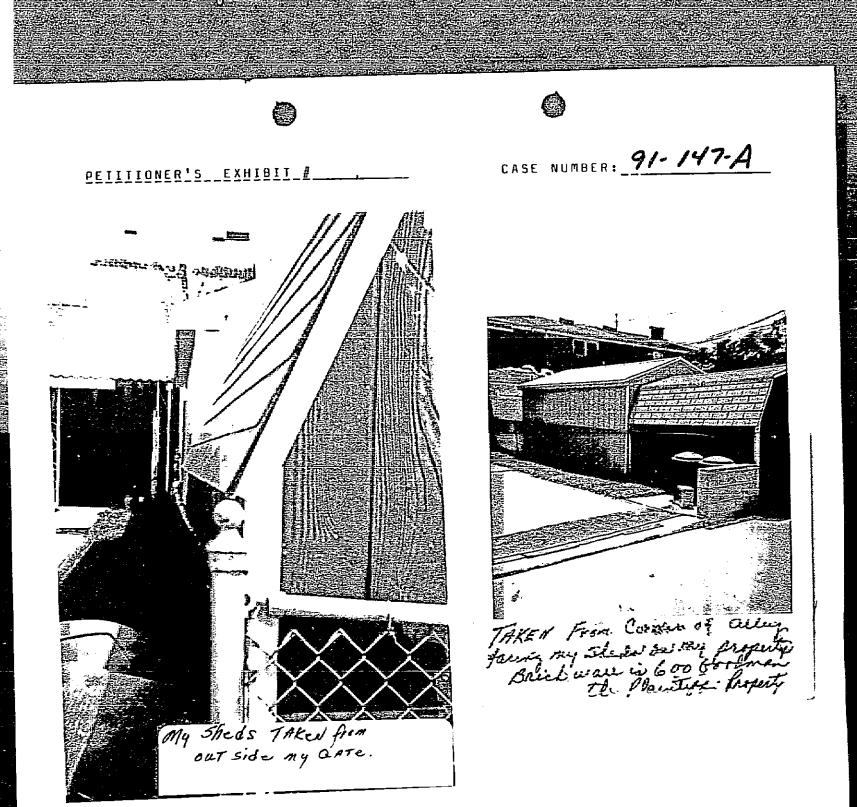


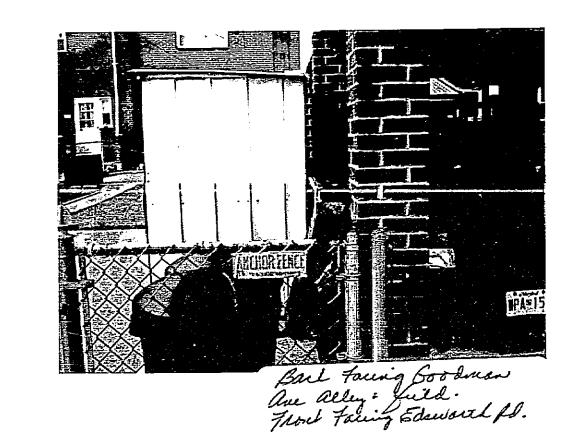


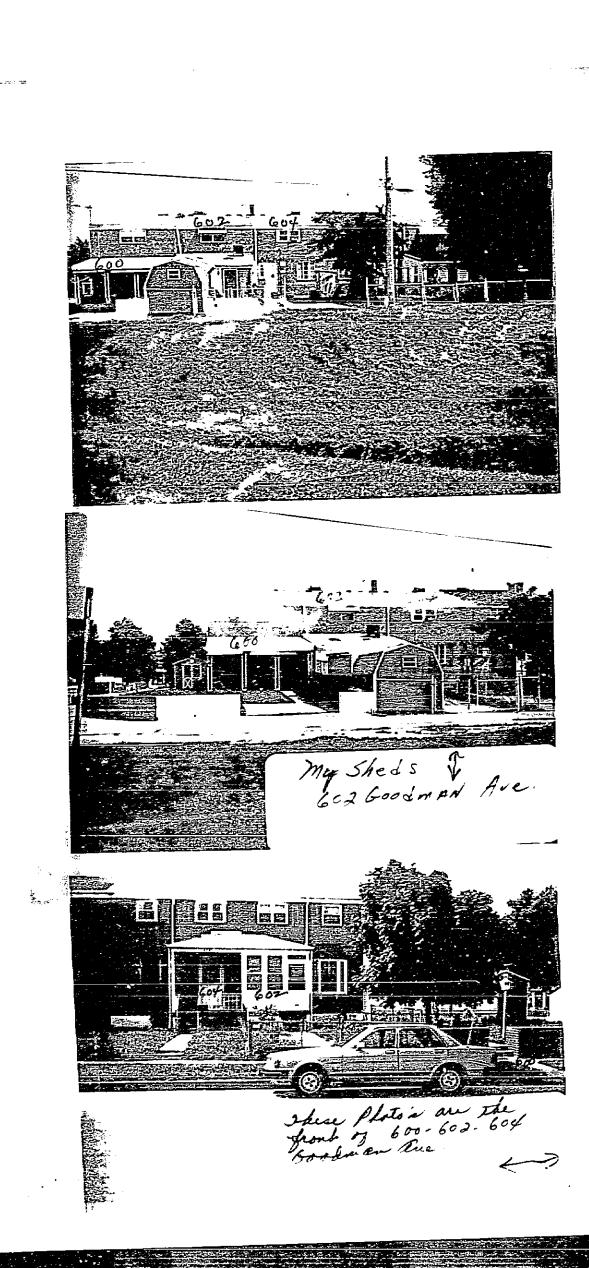


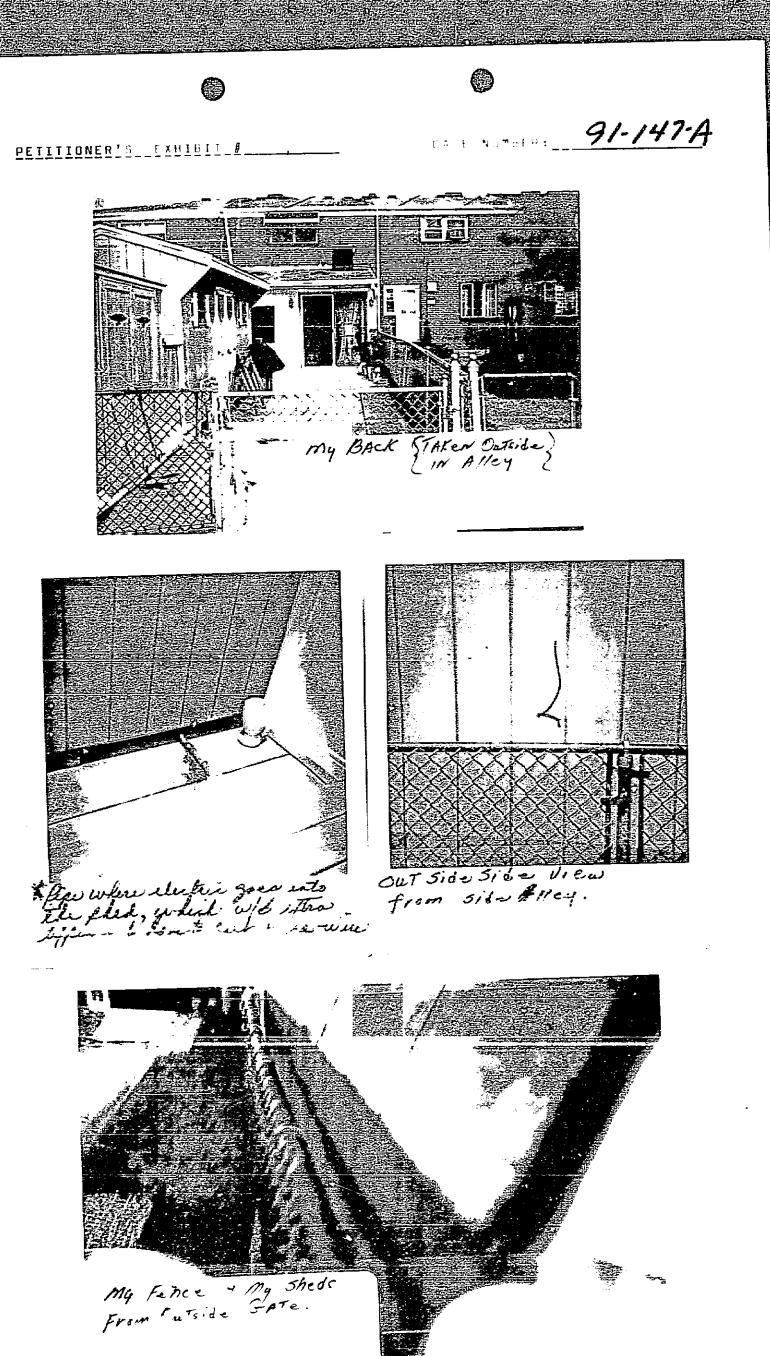


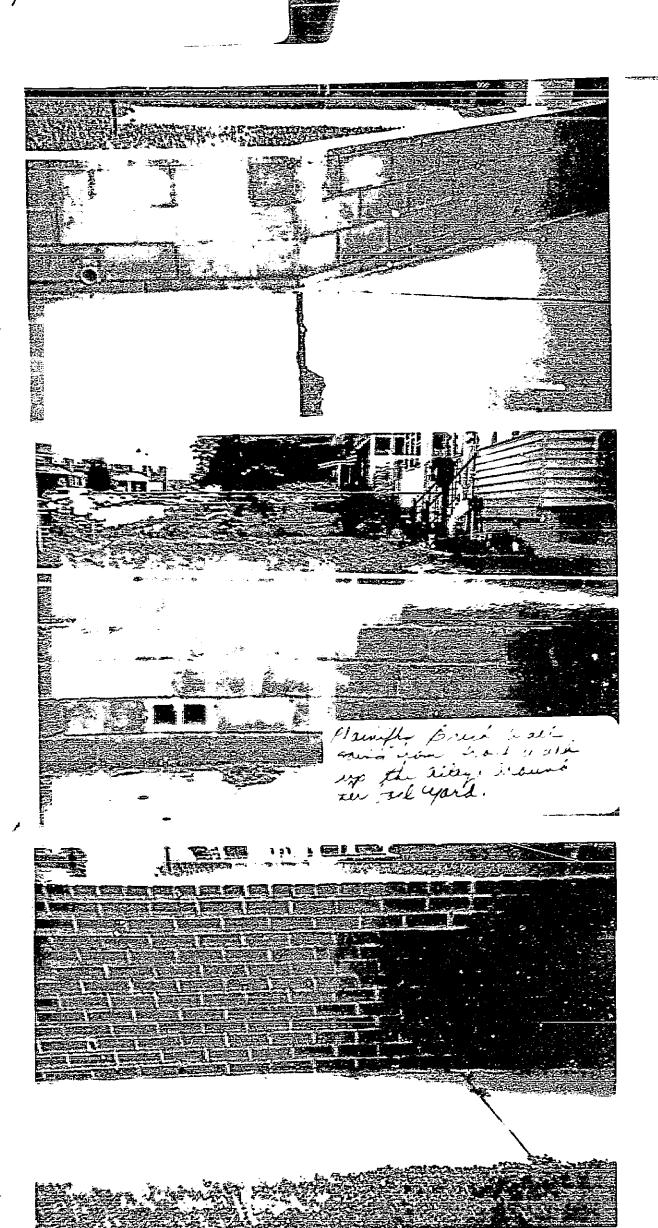


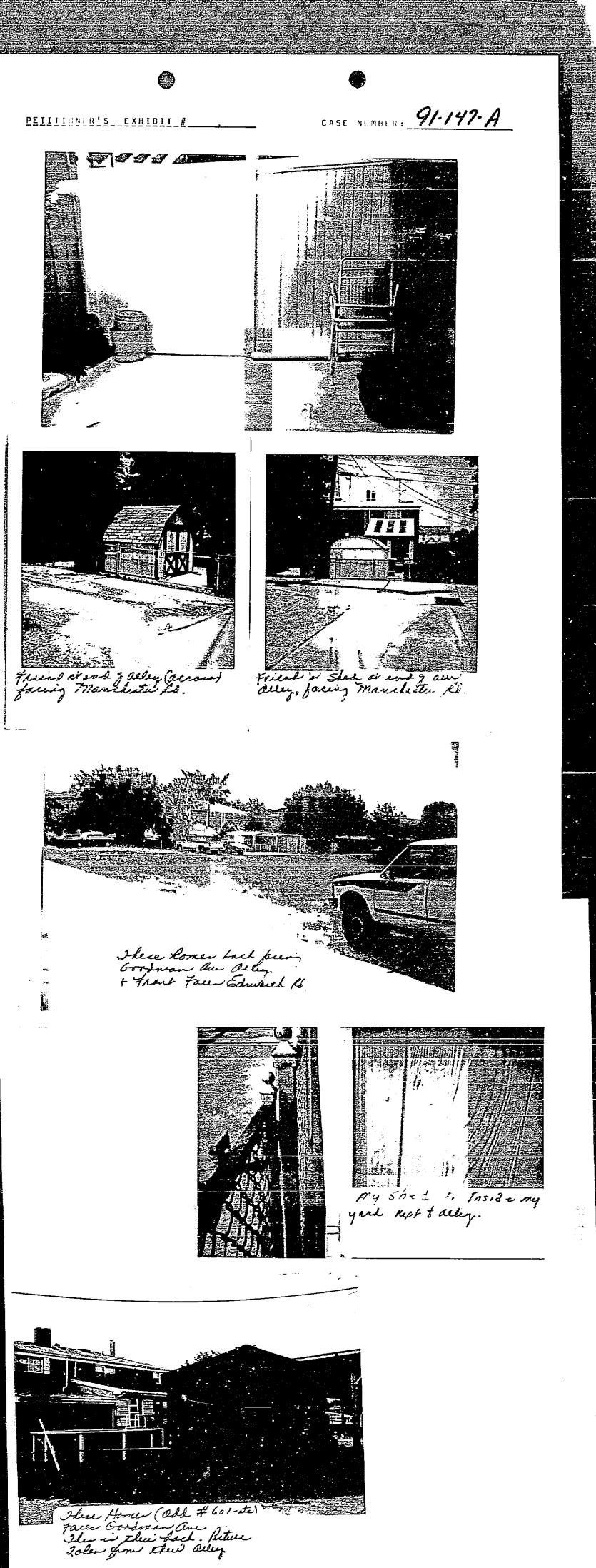




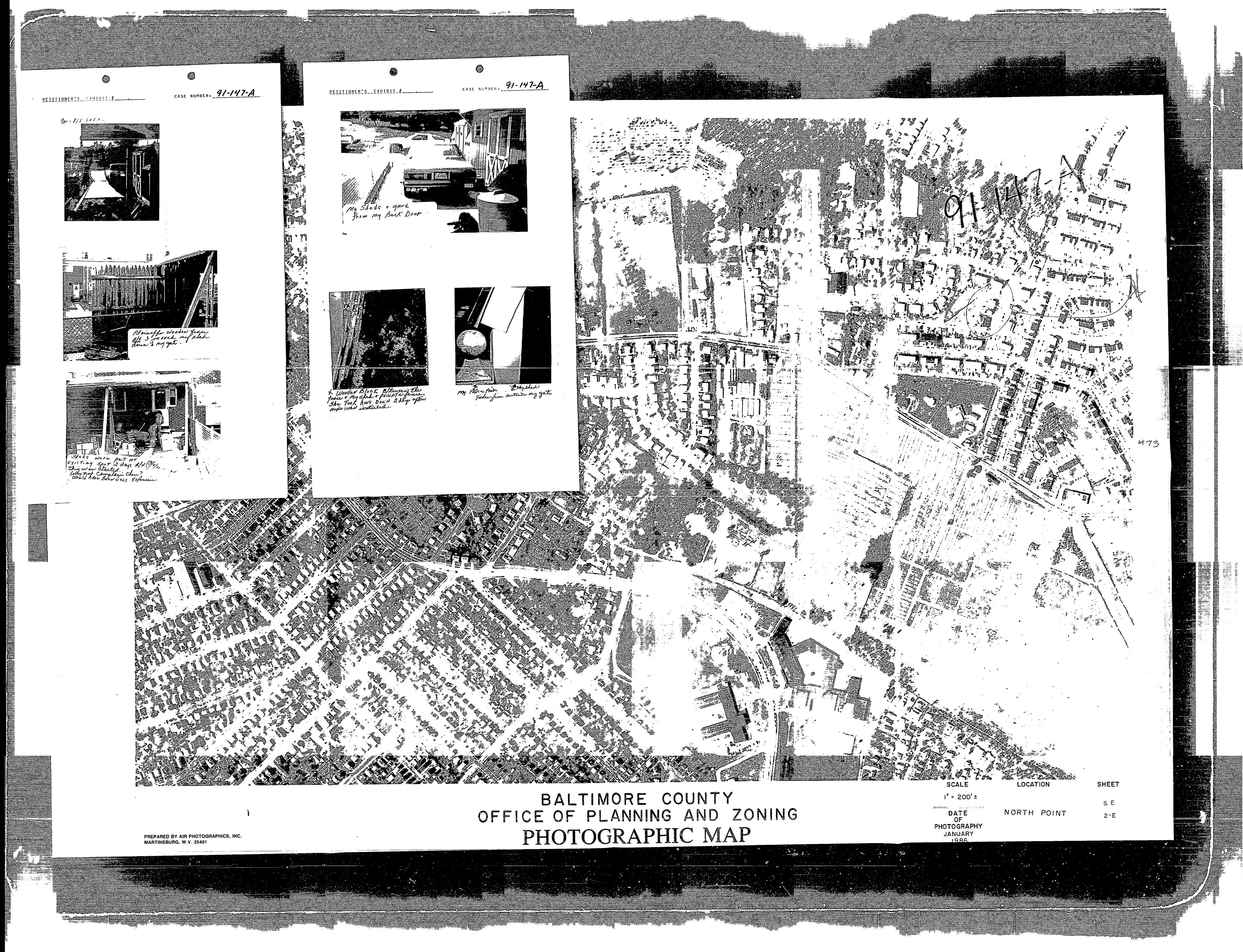


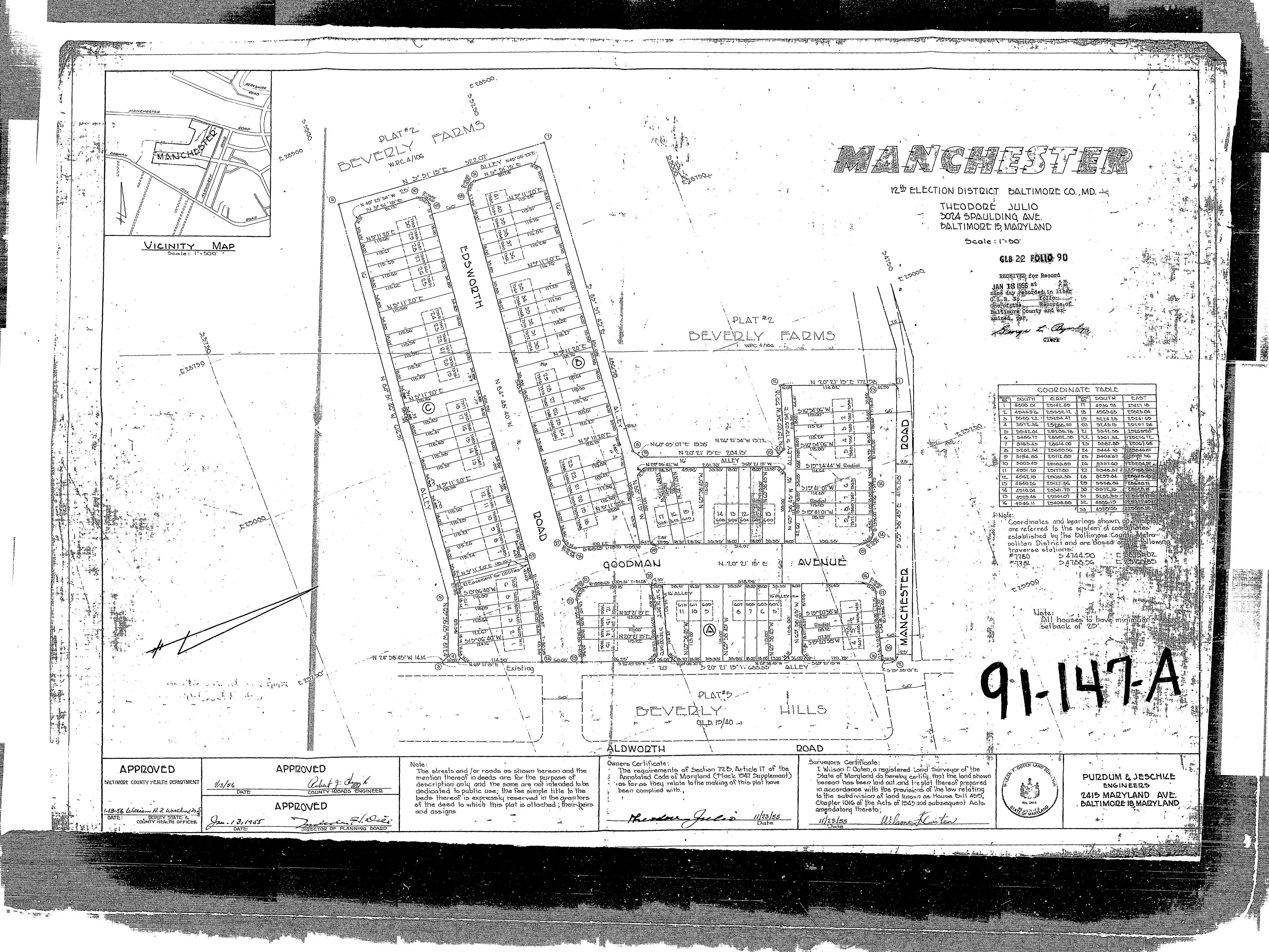












CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY 12) March 10, 1992 - Appellees' Response Memorandum, bed. foreed Mar 2 CIVIL CATEGORY \_\_\_APPEAL 13) May 19, 1992 Memorandum and Opinion Æfirming the Baltimore County Board of Appeals fd. (JFF, II) ATTORNEYS IN THE PATTER OF THE Robert A. McFarland David L. Bortz APPLICATION OF ROBERT H. AND SUSAN L. BROOKS Polovoy & McCoy FOR A ZONING VARIANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED 34 Market Place, suite 801 ON THE WEST SIDE PIKESVILLE ROAD, 35' SOUTH (02) (410) 685-2100 OF CENTEALINE OF MT. WILSON LANE (8832 PIKESVILLE ROAD) 3LL ELECTION DISTRICT 3RD COUCHLMANIC DISTRICT (9L-L48-A) ILO HECKLER Curtis C. Coon EMOUT BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 400 W Penna Ave (4-4264) 337-4991 Procestants Protestants (1) Oct 18, 1991 - Protestants Order for Appeal from the Order of the Board of Appeals of Ealto Co, Petition and Exhibit fd. CV CLK B LBRY (2) Oct 23, 1991 - Certificate of Notice fd. (3) Nov. 4, 1991 - App. of ROBERT A. MCFARLAND for the Appellees & Same CKCHEEK TL #02158.C002 R01 T15:2 Day Answer, fd. 10/18/9 (4) Nov. 15, 1991 Transcript of Record, fd. (filed in G-1) (5) Nov. 15, 1991 Notice of Transcript, fd. copy sent. (6) Nov. 21, 1991 - Order to strike the App. of ROBERT A. MCFARLAND and enter the App. of DAVID L. BORTZ as Counsel for the ptlff, fd. (7) Feb. 12, 1992 - Appellee's Motion to Dismiss, Memorandum, affidavit & Exhibits, fd. (8) Feb. 12, 1992 - Appellant's Memorandum, fd. (5) Feb. 18, 1992 Appellant's Response to Appellee's Motion to ປາຣແiss, tu. (10) Mar 5,1992 Rec'd 2/25/92 Appellants memorandum,fd. (11) Mar 5,1992 Motions Ruling from Judge J.F. Fader, II Denying Server to the control of the property of the control of the contro the Motion of Brooks to dismiss,fd. WICHUPIL MED 91 CV 5495 The state of the s

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<u>Id</u>., at 214-15.<sup>I</sup>

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VAR-to permit a proposed addition to a dwelling to have a 12.5' rear setback in lieu of the requried 30' and to permit a detached accessory structure (proposed pool) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the rear yard outside of the 1/3 of the lot farthest removed from the side street.

September 26, 1990 Petition for Variances filed by Mr. and Mrs.

Order of the Zoning Commissioner DENYING December 12 Petition in part and GRANTING in part. Notice of Appeal received from Robert A. January 10, 1991

McFarland, Esquire on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Petitioners/Appellants. September 4, 1991 Hearing before the Board of Appeals.

Opinion and Order of the Board GRANTING September 20 Petition for Variance.

Order for Appeal filed in the Circuit Court for October 18 Baltimore County by Curtis C. Coon, Esquire on VC behalf of Mr. Milo Heckler and Vermont Building

and Development Corporation, Protestants. Petition to accompany appeal filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by Mr. Coon.

Certificate of Notice sent to interested parties.

/Transcript of testimony filed; Record of

Proceedings filed. Order of the CCt, BCo AFFIRMING C. B. of A. (Hon. John F. Fader, II).

sets a rear setback line of 30 feet for the 0.26 acre residential property at 8832 Pikesville Road in Baltimore County on which Brooks constructed a garage. No one disputes this fact. Brooks built in violation of that set back line. After the fact of building, Brooks applied for and was granted a variance with the Board of Appeals

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APPLICATION OF ROBERT H3

FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON

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35' SOUTH OF CENTERLINE OF

3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE

MT. WILSON LANE (8832

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PIKESVILLE ROAD)

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BALTIMORE COUNTY

MEMORANDUM AND OPINION AFFIRMING THE

At issue here is the legal and factual propriety of the

BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

Order of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County (Board of Appeals)

granting Robert and Susan Brooks (Brooks) a 12.5 foot rear yard

the variance, the Board of Appeals overruled a decision by the

setback for a garage in lieu of the required 30 feet. In granting

zoning commissioner of Baltimore County denying the variance and it

let Robert Brooks get away with a flagrant and possible intentional

violation of the zoning laws. Still, the Board of Appeals is to be

Baltimore County Zoning Regulation 1802.3.C.1 specifically

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The Board in its deliberations does concur that the plans, of the total property and its relationship to neighboring properties shows merit with the garage attachment, rather than in the rear yard. The 23 by 25 foot garage and breezeway attached to the house-proper allows for more open space in the rear yard and a greater distance between buildings.

The Board acknowledges that the Petitioner made a horrendous error in the process of his building procedure, but from the evidence evaluated, the variance requested should be granted as there is no adverse effect on the health, safety and/or general welfare of the public. To remove the attached garage to the rear of the property would be a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship for the Petitioner, even though it was selfcreated. The Board also makes note that the attached garage, while under construction, met with the approval of County Inspectors on several visits to the site.

The Protestant/Neighbor of Brooks appealed the Board of Appeals decision to this court.

Baltimore County Zoning Regulation, Section 307 (B.C.Z.R.) sets forth the applicable provisions of the law relating to the obtaining of variances from set back line provisions of the zoning regulations:

# Section 307---VARIANCES

307.1-- The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County and the County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations, from offstreet parking regulations and from sign regulations, only in cases where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore county would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. . . . Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area, offstreet parking, or sign regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without substantial injury to public health, safety, and general welfare. . . . (Emphasis added).

Both the parties to this case cite and argue the decision of the Court of Appeals of McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208, 310 A.2d 783 (1973) as dispositive of the issue. The Protestant argues that the Board of Appeals has exceeded its legal authority in granting the variance to Brooks. All of this depends on whether what the Board of Appeals did was fairly within the legal definition of "Practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship." First, it is noted that the Board of Appeals used the applicable phrase from the zoning ordinance in the conjunctive, but the law provides a disjunctive test of "practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. McLean gives some direction quoting a prior decision by that Court in Loyola Loan Ass'n v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 176 A.2d 355 (1961):

There we noted that the requirements "practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship" are in the disjunctive. Thus we

"The terms of §307 are applicable only to variances as to height and area. We see no occasion to construe that section otherwise than as it reads---in the disjunctive---"practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship," and we see no reason to construe "practical difficulty" here as the equivalent of a taking in the constitutional sense. . . This, we think, presents at least a case of "practical difficulty" within the meaning of § 307 of the Regulations. To ignore it and to restrict Loyola to a building of uneconomic size where, as here, the Board's findings that there is no injury to the public health, safety and general welfare and that the proposed variance is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the Regulations should be upheld, would, we think, place too narrow a construction upon §307, and would itself impost an unreasonable hardship on the applicant. . " 227 Md. at

. . . In 2 Rathkopf, The Law of zoning and Planning, (3d ed. 1972) 28, 29, the following criteria for determining whether "practical difficulty" has been established are set forth:

"1) Whether compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing area, set backs, frontage, height, density would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render

conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burden-

"2) Whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners. "3) Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured."

"Troublesome awareness of animosity" between Brooks and the Protestant in this case was specifically noted by the Board of Appeals in its Opinion. Observation by the Board as to the conduct of the Protestant was as follows:

. . . [T]he Protestant. . . commenced construction of a house on his neighboring property after the Petitioner's garage addition was in place. His objection to the closeness of what would become his residence to that of Mr. Holmes appears to be self-imposed and, seemingly could have been avoided.

The test in this court to determine whether the decision by the Board of Appeals is to be affirmed, is whether the issue before the Board was "fairly debatable." Courts are not to substitute their opinion and/or view of the facts for that of the expertise of the administrative agency charged, by law, with decision making on the issue. McLean, 270 Md. at 215. As to deference to administrative decisions on zoning variance issues, see also: Wolf v. Dist. of Columbia Bd. of Zoning, etc., 397 2d. 936, 942-43 (D.C. App. 1979).

The latest edition of Rathkopf is the Fourth Edition 3, §38.04, p. 38-57, 38-58 (Release #27, 2/88).

There is one other aspect of this case that calls for judicial comment. In the opinion of the Board, the Brooks action in going against the letter of the zoning regulations constituted an intentional act on his part:

. . . In disregard of the limits of his permit, Petitioner personally commenced to build the garage as an attachment to his dwelling. Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2 shows the structure adjacent to his existing garage, rather than in the rear of his property as approved on the building permit. In his testimony, the Petitioner admitted that he erred in positioning his garage contrary to the authorized location of his permit, but determined that the total aesthetics of his property would be better. After acquiring the building permit,

he decided that the rear yard location placed the garage only three feet from his neighbor's property, and left only a four foot space between the corner of his house and the proposed rear yard structure. For these reasons, Petitioner took it upon himself to change his plan of construction, a condition he stated as not questioned by subsequent visits by County Inspec-

. . . [W]e view with some concern the situation where an approved building permit was knowingly ignored by the Petitioner to satisfy his personal desires without forethought of the consequences of his action in building an unauthorized structure the size of the subject garage. To compound our bewilderment, the Petitioner is a professional in the construction industry, thoroughly acquainted with building permits and licenses. He undoubtedly understood the rules and regulations to be followed, but obviously disregarded their application to the projects he plans for his home and family. To further complicate this decision, the Petitioner sought a variance setback after the fact, making it obvious that any hardship or difficulty he incurs has been self-imposed.

Is this so described purposeful conduct by Brooks enough to block his right to obtain the variance? McLean gives some direction on this point:

It is also contended by McLean that Soley is precluded from asserting "practical difficulty" because he was charged with knowledge of the sideyard requirements when he purchased this property. We see no merit in this argument. We noted in

Zengerle v. Bd. of Co. Comm'rs, 262 Md. 1, 21, 276 A.2d 646 (1971), citing Loyola, supra, that this "rule" is more strictly applied in "use variance" cases than in cases of "area variances," such as the one at bar. In other words, it has less significance where we are concerned with "practical difficulty" than it does in the event of "hardship" which usually characterized the "use variance" cases. <u>Id.</u>, at 215.

This court finds the strength of the Board of Appeals condemnation of the Brooks action somewhat attenuated by the testimony on which the conclusion was based. Brooks is an electrical contractor with 17-18 years of experience:

- Q: If you would tell the Board, what experience do you have in surveying and survey work for the sake of laying out your position of where the garage would be? Would you tell them what experience you have in surveying? A: I have some experience as far as doing layout work for footings and final work related to our business, grading
- and so on. And you are a contractor, subcontractor? We are an electrical contractor and we are also a subcon-
- So it struck you one day to put the plans together, to go down to the county and apply for a permit for a previously unplanned garage?
- Yes sir. Did you go down yourself?

tractor helping other people.

- No, sir. But you got the report of what happened from one of your employees?
- A: Yes, sir. Q: But you are familiar, very familiar with the [permit]
- process, aren't you?
- Of some permits, yes.
- Q: You know the zoning office, the people that monitor zoning are different than the inspectors that coming out and look at your construction? A: Yes, sir.

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You knew when you put this garage on an attached structure, you were deviating from the approved building permit plan, didn't you?

(T.44-46).

Both the Zengerle and Loyola Loan Ass'n v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243 (1961) cases cited in McLean show fact situations that fall short of the purposeful, or at least reckless and non-attentive conduct of Brooks in this case as found by the Board of Appeals.

Certainly, it is not realistic to think we can encourage compliance with the law if we allow one to get away with a purposeful violation of the law. Human nature, with attendant expectant resentment, dictates the conclusion that a purposeful intentional flaunt of the zoning regulations should not ordinarily be allowed to stand. But the law puts substance over emotion and asks whether the variance would have been granted in any event. According to the Board of Appeals decision here, the variance would have been granted. That fact is the most important fact.

In the case at bar, there are factors mitigating against telling Brooks to tear down his garage for purposeful conduct: (1) There is a finding of practical difficulty borne out by the evidence, (2) At least a minimal attenuation of the Board of Appeals opinion on intentional conduct is seen by the evidence, (3) The Protestant built his structure after the Brooks construction was complete (although there would be no problem where he built had Brooks followed his original plan), and (4) The building inspectors did approve the building on several visits to the site. While this court views the situation at bar as stronger toward the issuance of

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a tear down order than the situation that was before the court in McLean v. Soley, the court cannot say that its opinion on this point should be legally substituted for that of the Board of Appeals.

For the reasons stated above, this court concludes that the Order of the Board of Appeals is affirmed. Is is so ORDERED by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County this 1411 day of May, 1992.

hn\F. Fader II, Judge

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CC: David L. Portz, Esq.

Curtis C. Coon, Esq.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROBERT H. CIRCUIT COURT AND SUSAN L. BROOKS FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PIKESVILLE ROAD, BALTIMORE COUNTY 35' SOUTH OF CENTERLINE OF MT. WILSON LANE (8832 PIKESVILLI CASE NO. 91-CV-5495 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

### APPELLEES' RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

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In accordance with Maryland Rule B12, Appellees submit the following Memorandum:

## STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Whether the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County committed error in granting a variance to Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks from § 1B02.3.C.1 to permit an addition to a dwelling to have a 12.5 ft. rear setback in lieu of the required 30 ft.?

Appellees do not recognize the Appellant's first issue as it does not correctly state an issue and the test to be applied by this Court in deciding such an issue. The correct test for judicial review of an act of an administrative agency such as the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County has been defined as "whether a reasoning mind reasonably could have reached the factual conclusion the Agency reached and this need not and must not be either judicial fact finding or a substitution of judicial judgment for agency judgment." As is clear by Appellant's Memorandum, Appellant would have this Court substitute its

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judgment for that of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County.

Appellant's second issue is likewise incorrect as it presumes that the County Board of Appeals engaged in any speculation as to a collateral matter and it further presumes that such speculation entered into its ultimate finding. There is nothing in the September 20, 1991 Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County that supports, confirms, or infers that any speculation took place regarding the litigation mentioned involving the Appellant and the Appellees.

Appellant's Memorandum is further defective in that virtually all of the descriptions of testimony cited by Appellant mischaracterize and falsely state the substance of the cited testimony. In paragraph No. 3 of Appellant's Memorandum it

> "Robert Brooks is a licensed electrician and has experience in surveying and knows the building permit process (T.45, T.47)."

A careful review of the transcript portion cited reveals that Mr. Brooks testified that he is familiar with the process of some permits.

Appellant's Memorandum also cites transcript pages 46 and 25 for the proposition that "Though he was aware of the prescribed location for the garage, Brooks, who admits that he fully understood what he was undertaking was wrong, nonetheless built the garage attached to his existing home and two car garage." Again, Appellants have mischaracterized the testimony

as the transcript references reflect only that Mr. Brooks admitted that his construction of the garage was a deviation from that described in the permit.

Appellant's Memorandum goes on to state "The result is that Brooks now has a four car garage attached to his corner lot home (T.25)." Strangely, a careful review of page 25 of the transcript discloses that there is no testimony on that page that even refers to the so-called attached "four car garage".

On page 4 of Appellant's Memorandum, Appellants contend that page 48 of the transcript establishes that "Mr. Brooks actually had a voice in how his entire lot was developed from an unimproved state to finish (T.48)." A review of that page of the transcript reflects that Mr. Brooks' testimony was that he had "a choice to make" with regard to the location of a stairway to the basement of the home. Nothing in the testimony contained on page 48 even remotely establishes that Mr. Brooks had a voice in how his "entire lot" was developed (apart from the location of this stairway).

Appellant's Memoranda also states "Mr. Brooks openly admits that he intentionally disregarded all representations he made to the zoning authorities regarding the location of the garage (T.46) and, to put it bluntly, tried to 'pull one over' on the zoning authorities."

Here again a review of page 46 of the transcript reflects only that Mr. Brooks testified that he was aware that construction of an attached structure was a deviation from the

approved building permit (T. page 46, lines 8 through 11). There is no testimony in the transcript to the effect that Mr. Brooks tried to "pull one over" on the zoning authorities, despite Appellant's assertion to the contrary.

Appellant's Memorandum (page 4) also includes the following: "In addition to unilaterally changing the location of the garage, it also appears that Mr. Brooks built the garage, in part

to house his commercial truck instead of parking it two blocks away at the business lot (T.41)."

Contrary to Appellant's assertion, page 41 of the transcript (and page 40 as well) contain no testimony supporting Appellant's proposition that Mr. Brooks built a garage "in part to house his commercial truck."

On page 5 of Appellant's Memorandum it states: "Last, the Board excluded an [sic] evidence regarding a collateral suit between the parties, (T.64, 65) but made reference to the suit in its findings of fact and opinion. This is a clear error."

Appellants argue that the mere inclusion of a reference to the collateral lawsuit reflects that the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County speculated on the collateral suit and such speculation was, in part, the basis for its Order granting Appellee a variance of the thirty foot rear yard setback requirement. The County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County stated in its September 20, 1991 Order that "Counsel for the Petitioner entered into the hearing the fact that Petitioner has filed suit in the Courts against the protestant. The Board refused to hear the particulars of this lawsuit." Indeed, there

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is no indication in the body of the Order that the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County speculated, or based any of its conclusions upon the existence of this lawsuit. It would seem from a review of the Order that mention of the collateral suit was made as it related to the Board of Appeals' observation that there was "animosity between the principals involved". Certainly, Appellant's bald allegation that speculation took place does nothing in terms of proving or disproving the proper legal basis for the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County's Order granting the variance.

Despite Appellant's Petition alleging that the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County speculated as to the content of a suit (page 2 paragraph (b)), Appellant's Memorandum contains absolutely no evidence citations to establish that any such speculation took place and/or that it had anything whatsoever to do with the Order granting the variance. This deficiency, along with many of the defects in Appellant's Memorandum cited herein, clearly reflect Appellant's hope and wish that this Court simply substitute its Judgment for that of the administrative agency. This is contrary to the current State of Maryland Law with regard to appeals from decisions of administrative agencies. Montgomery County v. National Capital Realty, 267 Md. 376 (1977).

Finally, Appellees suggest that Appellant has failed to meet their burden of establishing that the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County's Order granting the variance was issued based upon "legally sufficient evidence to support its decision",

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Montgomery County v. National Capital Realty Corporation, 267 Md. IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION \* OF ROBERT H. AND SUSAN L. BROOKS 1B02.3--Special Regulations for Certain Existing Developments 364. 367 (1977). As the Appellant, it is his duty to bear the FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON PROPERTY\* B. Standards Applicable to Existing Developments Etc. or Subdivisions and for Small Lots or Tracts in D.R. LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE The minimum standards for net area, lot width, Zones. [Bill No. 100, 1970.] burden of proving that there was a legally insufficient OF PIKESVILLE ROAD, 35' SOUTH front-yard depth, single-side-yard width, sum of OF CENTERLINE OF MT. WILSON LANE widths of both side yards, rear-yard depth, and A. In D.R. zones, contrary provisions of this article evidentiary basis for the decision made to grant Appellees a \* BALTIMORE COUNTY (8832 PIKESVILLE ROAD) height with respect to each use in a development notwithstanding, the provisions of or pursuant to 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT described in Subparagraph A.1, above, shall be as this subsection shall apply to the use, occupancy, variance. Appellee would submit that Appellant has failed to \* CG Doc. No. 5 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT prescribed by the zoning regulations applicable to and development of, the alteration or expansion of such use at the time the plan was approved by the structures upon, and administrative procedures with meet its burden and, therefore, the instant Appeal should be \* Folio No. <u>127</u> MILO HECKLER AND VERMONT Planning Board or Commission; however, the same or respect to: [Bill No. 100, 1970.] BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT CORFORAsimilar standards may be codified and comparable bulk \* File No. 91-CV-5495 denied. TION, PLAINTIFFS (height or area) standards for different permitted 1. Any lot which is in a recorded residential sub-ZONING CASE NO. 91-148-A uses may be established and codified under Section division approved by the Baltimore County Planning \* \* \* \* \* 504, and these standards shall thereupon control in Board or Baltimore County Planning Commission and such existing developments. Development of any which has been used, occupied, or improved in PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER AND THE subdivision described in Subparagraph A.2 shall be in accordance with the approved subdivision plan; BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY accordance with the tentatively approved subdivision [Bill No. 100, 1970.] plan therefor. Standards for development of lots or TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT: tracts described in Subparagraphs A.3, A.4 or A.5 2. Any land in a subdivision tract which was laid out shall be as set forth in Paragraph C, below. [Bill in accordance with the regulations of residence And now come William T. Hackett, Harry E. Buchheister, Jr., Polovoy & McCoy No. 100, 1970.] zoning classifications now rescinded, for which a 34 Market Place, Suite 801 and Judson H. Lipowitz, constituting the County Board of Appeals of subdivision plan tentatively approved by the Baltimore, MD 21202 C. Development Standards for Small Lots or Tracts. Planning Board remains in effect, and which has (410) 685-2100 [Bill No. 100, 1970.] Baltimore County, and in answer to the Order for Appeal directed not been used, occupied, or improved in accordance with such plan; [Bill No. 100, 1970.] Attorney for Appellees 1. Any dwelling hereafter constructed on a lot or against them in this case, herewith return the record of tract described in Subparagraph A.3 or A.4 shall 3. Any lot, or tract of lots in single ownership, comply with the requirements of the following proceedings had in the above-entitled matter, consisting of the which is not in an existing development or sub-CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE division as described in Subparagraph 1 or 2 and following certified copies or original papers on file in the Office which is too small in gross area to accommodate I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 29 day of tony June six dwelling or density units in accordance with of the Zoning Commissioner and the Board of Appeals of Baltimore the maximum permitted density in the D.R. zone in which such tract is located; or [Bill No. 100, 1992, a copy of the foregoing Appellees' Response Memorandum was County: mailed, first class, postage prepaid to Curtis C. Coon, Esq., 400 4. Any lot, or tract of lots in single ownership, No. 91-148-A which is not in an existing development or sub-West Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204-4264. September 26, 1990 Petition for Variances filed by Mr. and Mrs. division as described in Subparagraph 1 or 2 and which is less than one-half acre in area, regardless of the number of dwelling or density units Publication in newspapers (no copy in file). that would be permitted at the maximum permitted density in the zone in which it is located. Certificate of Posting of property. November 5 Comments of Baltimore County Zoning Plans 5. Any lot, or tract of lots in single ownership which is in a duly recorded subdivision plat not November 20 [Bill No. 100, 1970.] Advisory Committee. brooks.app approved by the Baltimore County Planning Board or 2. Other standards for development of small lots on Hearing held on Petition by the Zoning Planning Commission. [Bill No. 100, 1970.] November 29 tracts as so described shall be as set forth in Commissioner. provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of Section 504. [Bill No. 100, 1970.] Order of the Zoning Commissioner DENYING December 12 Petition in part and GRANTING in part. 1B-25 1B-26 THE PERSON WICH OF ILMED WILKUTILMED MIUNUTILMED Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks, File No. 91-CV-5495 Case No. 91-148-A Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks, File No. 91-CV-5495 Robert H. and Susan L. Brooks, File No. 91-CV-5495 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION \* Case No. 91-148-A Case No. 91-148-A OF ROBERT H. AND SUSAN L. BROOKS FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON PROPERTY\* CIRCUIT COURT Respectfully submitted, Notice of Appeal received from Robert A. McFarland, Esquire on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. January 10, 1991 LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE LindaLee M. Kuszmaul Legal Secretary, County Board of Appeals, Room 315, County OF PIKESVILLE ROAD, 35' SOUTH XMAA COL / KUSYMOUS indaLee M. Kuszmaul, Legal Secretary, Brooks, Petitioners/Appellants. OF CENTERLINE OF MT. WILSON LANE \* BALTIMORE COUNTY County Board of Appeals, Room 315, County (8832 PIKESVILLE ROAD) Hearing before the Board of Appeals. September 4, 1991 Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3180 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Ave., \* CG Doc. No. <u>5</u>\_\_\_\_ 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3180 Opinion and Order of the Board GRANTING September 20 Petition for Variance. \* Folio No. 127 MILO HECKLER AND VERMONT cc: Curtis C. Coon, Esquire BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORA-Mr. Milo Heckler Order for Appeal filed in the Circuit Court for \* File No. <u>91-CV-5495</u> October 18 TION, PLAINTIFFS I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the aforegoing Certificate of Vermont Building and Development Corp. Robert A. McFarland, Esquire Baltimore County by Curtis C. Coon, Esquire on ZONING CASE NO. 91-148-A behalf of Mr. Milo Heckler and Vermont Building \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* Notice has been mailed to Curtis C. Coon, Esquire, 400 W. Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Brooks and Development Corporation, Protestants. CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204-4264, Counsel for Petition to accompany appeal filed in the October 21 Madam Clerk: Circuit Court for Baltimore County by Mr. Coon. Plaintiffs; Mr. Milo Heckler, 3805 Cherrybrook Road, Randallstown, Pursuant to the provisions of Rule B-2(d) of the Maryland Certificate of Notice sent to interested October 23 Maryland 21133 and Vermont Building and Development Corporation, Rules of Procedure, William T. Hackett, Harry E. Buchheister, Jr. c/o Curtis C. Coon, Esquire, 400 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, and Judson H. Lipowitz, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Transcript of testimony filed. November 15 Maryland 21204-4264, Plaintiffs; Robert A. McFarland, Esquire, Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1 -Schematic of property - detached Baltimore County, have given notice by mail of the filing of the garage
2 -Schematic of property - attached Polovoy & McCoy, 34 Market Place, Suite 801, Baltimore, Maryland appeal to the representative of every party to the proceeding 21202, Counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Brooks; Mr. Robert H. and Ms. Susan 3 -Photocopies of permits & before it; namely, Curtis C. Coon, Esquire, 400 W. Pennsylvania inspection 4 -A-Photo of property west on L. Brooks, 8832 Pikesville Road, Pikesville, Maryland 21208; and Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204-4264, Counsel for Plaintiffs; Mr. Wilson Rd., B-Photo-view of Michael B. Sauer, Esquire, c/o County Board of Appeals, Room 315, garage, C-Photo-view of house 5 -Photo of house & macadam Milo Heckler, 3805 Cherrybrook Road, Randallstown, Maryland 21133 County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland driveway and Vermont Building and Development Corporation, c/o Curtis C. 21204 on this 23rd day of October, 1991. Protestant's Exhibit No. 1 - Plot Plan with correction Coon, Esquire, 400 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204-- Plot of 3 lots 3 - Deed between Vermort Co. & R. 4264, Plaintiffs; Robert A. McFarland, Esquire, Polovoy & McCoy, 34 LindaLee M. Kuszmaul, Legal Secretary, County Board of Appeals, Room 315, County Brooks (Liber 8368, Page 524) Market Place, Suite 801, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, Counsel for November 15, 1991 Record of Proceedings filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks; Mr. Robert H. and Ms. Susan L. Brooks, 8832 Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3180 Record of Proceedings pursuant to which said Order was entered Pikesville Road, Pikesville, Maryland 21208; and Michael B. Sauer, and upon which said Board acted are hereby forwarded to the Court, Esquire, c/o County Board of Appeals, Room 315, County Office together with exhibits entered into evidence before the Board. Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, a copy of which Notice is attached hereto and prayed that it may be made a part hereof.